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present, the Basic Education Officer is looking after them and the District Educational Officer is looking to the administrative matters such as calculation of grants."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the assessment of grants also depends on following the syllabuses and carrying out the instructions given in regard to them?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " That is so. That will depend upon the recommendation of the Basic Education Officer."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that the District Educational Officer has a supervising capacity over the Basic Education Officer?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Not over the Basic Education Officer."

Inspection of the Government Stationery Stores.

* 92 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent or both of the Government Stationery Stores are allowed any allowance for visiting the Stores and how many visits were paid to the Stores by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent month after month from 1st May 1947 to 1st May 1948?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " A conveyance allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem is granted to the Assistant Superintendent of Stationery; no such allowance is paid to the Superintendent of Stationery. Visits to the Government Stationery Stores are paid only by the Assistant Superintendent of Stationery. No records are maintained for the purpose. The Assistant Superintendent of Stationery visits the Stationery Stores, Guindy, at intervals according to the circumstances requiring them, and without detriment to his duties in the Government Stamp Office, 1st Line Beach, Madras."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there are rules to say that the Assistant Superintendent of Stationery must pay a visit to the Stationery Stores as often as possible in view of the fact that large quantities of stationery are stored in the stationery godown?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Yes, Sir, as often as may be necessary."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that when the Sub-Committee of the Retrenchment Committee visited the Stores the Assistant Superintendent was not there. In view of the fact that the stationery godown is far away, will the Government consider the desirability of retransferring the

stationery godown to the City or will they make some special arrangement to locate the Assistant Superintendent's office there instead of locating it elsewhere?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The Government have been making attempts to retransfer it to the City so that it may be better supervised and better managed. Unfortunately, we are not able to arrange for the housing of these officers. The other suggestion made by the hon. Member will be considered."

Redistribution of inspection areas.

*93 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether redistribution of inspection areas and ranges have been effected recently, and, if so, on what basis such redistribution has been made and whether any retrenchment has been effected on that account?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The Government sanctioned recently a scheme of redistribution of inspection areas and amalgamation of boys' and girls' ranges.

"The scheme was given effect to from 15th May 1948. All the elementary schools for girls which were under the control of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools were transferred to the District Educational Officers of the districts concerned. The girls' ranges were abolished and Muslim and Moplah ranges were abolished in districts where the regional language was the medium of instruction. In districts where Urdu was the language of instruction in elementary schools, the Muslim ranges have been converted into Urdu ranges and retained. Under the reorganized scheme there are no separate ranges for girls' schools. All elementary schools for boys and girls will be under the control of Deputy Inspectors who may be men officers or women officers. All schools are equally distributed betwen the officers. The inspecting officers in each taluk have been allotted with reference to the number of schools in the taluk. No retrenchment of inspecting officers or clerical personal has been effected, but 54 peons have been retrenched as the Sub-Assistant Inspectresses who had each two peons are now allowed only one peon after the amalgamation."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know whether this has led to the reduction of ranges of the Inspectresses of Girls' Schools?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The schools have been divided into possible numbers in the places in which they exist and the average has been arrived at according to needs and that has been allowed to each of these inspectresses. There is no difference between inspectors and inspectresses so far as these ranges are concerned."